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Appl. No. 08/849,120, filed May 28, 1997;

Appl. No. 08/487,992, filed June 7, 1995;

Appl. No. 08/468,814, filed June 6, 1995; and

Appl. No. 08/348,960, filed November 28, 1994.

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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO-1449, including 67 cited references (AA1-AB1, AL1-AL2, AR1-AS20); and
3. Return post card.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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